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1. At the meetings of Molotov and MAO Tse-tung in September Molotov urged MAO to send Chinese Communist troops to Korea.* MAO refused on the grounds that China's wealth, power, and culture are concentrated in the cities of Peiping, Tientsin, Hankow, Nanking, Shanghai, and Canton, and if China entered the war the United States would bomb these cities, destroying the heart of everything the Chinese Communist Party has been trying to build up.
2. According to MAO the Chinese Communist leaders are dissatisfied with the treatment the North Koreans have received from the Soviet Union. They have not liked to see the Soviets begin a venture without itself being fully prepared to face all consequences of it, and in particular do not relish the spectacle of the North Koreans bearing their present suffering alone.
3. CH'EN Man, who for some time has been sending supplies from Communist China to Indochina through Macao, stated privately that the Chinese Communists would not take part in open war in Indochina, as China needs one year of rest. CH'EN did not preclude the shipment of supplies to friendly countries. He also stated that the Chinese Communists had signed a treaty of alliance with the Viet Minh, but he did not give any of the details of it.
4. In the opinion of CHANG Shih-chao, a non-Communist high up in the Chinese Communist Government, MAO is unwilling to become involved in foreign wars now, partly because he is increasingly concerned with the semi-independent status of some

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of the military regions of China, which have shown a tendency from time to time to ignore decisions of the Government in Peiping.

5. MAO still commands the respect of the Chinese people, however, both within and without the Communist Party. He is considered a patriot and is believed to be trying to keep China from becoming entirely dependent on the Soviet Union. It will require two or three years for MAO to realize his ideal of lessening Soviet influence on China.
6. Non-Communist groups in Peiping are now very weak, according to CHANG. One reason for this is that they have overplayed their role by being even more radical in some matters than the Communist themselves.

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[REDACTED] rumors this version of the Molotov-MAO Tse-tung meeting. There is, however, no real evidence that a meeting was held. For other accounts of the meeting [REDACTED]

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